



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

*Safeguarding
Hoosiers by
Planning,
Preparing and
Responding*

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CSEPP Conducts National Workshop in Indianapolis

Leaders and representatives of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) were in Indianapolis recently for the annual CSEPP National Workshop.

These workshops are held to establish and enhance emergency preparedness in CSEPP "off-post" communities, including community alert and warning systems and protective action strategies. Another purpose of the workshops is to institute protective measures and hazard-mitigation strategies at the chemical stockpile sites and to lessen the vulnerability of the storage structures and their contents to any



Above: Frank Sesno, CNN's Washington Bureau Chief, moderates a discussion on interoperability during the CSEPP workshop in Indianapolis last month.

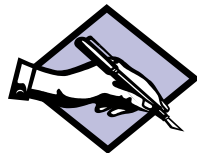
accidents.

Using a racing theme, "Setting the Pace in Preparedness," participants discussed a number of topics during the three-day workshop. Day one began with welcoming remarks by Indi-

ana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director Eric Dietz, followed by presentations by U.S. DHS Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection Robert Stephan, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army/Elimination of Chemical weapons Dale Ormond.

The second day of the workshop consisted of several practicum sessions, which were designed to increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the CSEPP Program. Subjects presented included:

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From the Desk of Director Dietz

In our field, quick and decisive action is a job requirement. A promptly placed phone call could cause the swift deployment of assets and personnel to a scene, potentially saving Hoosier lives and property.

Whether an incident is an act of human aggression or an act of nature, notifying the appropriate agencies and individuals following an event is essential to ensuring a proper response. In recognition of this important

step in our response efforts, IDHS took steps over the past year to develop the Critical Incidents Report Requirement (CIRR) at the state level.

The CIRR lists the types of incidents that require notification by counties to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Incidents listed in the CIRR include events such as severe weather activity, HazMat incidents, and actual or suspected acts of terrorism, to

name a few.

IDHS presented the list to CTASC, the state entity responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive state strategy to prevent and address terrorism-related and emergency management issues, for consideration and approval at their July meeting.

Although implementing the CIRR

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Field Coordinators Designed for Local Support

In conjunction to formalizing Indiana's ten homeland security districts (HSD) following the creation of IDHS, the Division of Planning developed positions to serve as field coordinators for each district. The coordinators serve as IDHS liaisons to the various response agencies, offer guidance and assistance on coordination of resources within their districts, and assist counties with grant application and reviewing processes.

IDHS' Field Coordinators possess a wide spectrum of emergency response experience and knowledge and are

in place to offer assistance at the local level. Therefore, in the event of disaster or emergency, the Field Coordinators provides IDHS' Emergency Operations Center information necessary for response and recovery efforts and preliminary damage assessments.

Field Coordinators make every effort to introduce themselves to partner agencies at all levels throughout their respective districts. If you have not met your HSD Field Coordinator, IDHS encourages you to contact them today!

Homeland Security Districts



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For more information on HSD Field Coordinators, contact Larry Copley, IDHS Division of Planning Local Support Branch Chief at 317-234-2744 or lcopley@dhs.in.gov.

IDHS Releases Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Curriculum

The IDHS Division of Training recently released the Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Training Curriculum, a component of the Indiana Statewide Firefighter Training System. Joe Wainscott, IDHS Division of Training Director, presented Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association (IVFA) President Jack Kerney with the first official copy of the new curriculum during the IVFA Annual Conference.

The curriculum packet includes:

- **Instructor Lesson Plan**
- **Power Point Presentation, including video clips**
- **Practical Skills Guide and Student Skills Checklist**

- **Student Manual**
- **Ideas for simple and inexpensive training props that can be built locally and used to complete the required skills**
- **CDs with copies of these and other useful instructor tools**

Per Indiana law, a firefighter must obtain certification at the Mandatory Firefighter level before engaging in emergency operations. Further, Indiana OSHA regulations require an individual who engages in firefighting operations to receive training at the Hazmat Awareness and Operations levels. IDHS designed the new curriculum packet to meet these obligations.

The Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Training Curriculum includes training materials to guide fire chiefs / instructors in providing instruction to entry level firefighters. Additionally, it contains essential information to assist instructors in preparing firefighter recruits to garner the skills and knowledge necessary to complete successfully the Mandatory Firefighter, Basic Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations certification requirements.

Currently, the department is in the process of distributing curriculum packets to those who already submitted requests. **IDHS will not mass mail the Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Training**

Curriculum to every fire department.

In order to receive a set of the Mandatory curriculum material an instructor **must** submit a request form available at www.in.gov/dhs/training/firefighter/. Click on "State of Indiana Firefighter Training System - Instructional Materials Request", print it, fill it out and fax it to the number on the form. IDHS will also provide a hard copy of all materials along with each set of CDs.

Additional student manuals are available upon request from the IDHS Division of Training Certification Section as part of the course

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July Spotlight...

LAGRANGE COUNTY EMA

Pam Soule is the LaGrange County Emergency Management Agency director. Prior to accepting the position in 1999, she worked in the hazardous materials spill response and remediation field. Pam is active with the Homeland Security District (HSD) 3 Planning Council, attends the HSD 3 hospital meetings and is a member of the HSD 3 Fire Training Council. She also currently serves as treasurer for the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana and is a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers. Additionally, Pam is a hazardous materials technician with WMD certification and holds a degree in Microbiology and Public Health, education proven helpful in developing

plans for response to bio-terrorism and pandemics. A part-time director, she is president of PJS Environmental and continues to teach various OSHA courses in both the public and private sector.

LaGrange County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to obtain:
 - ♦ air monitoring equipment for the fire department;
 - ♦ assisted the Sheriff's Department with purchase of tactical gear for terrorism response;
 - ♦ purchased 800 MHz radios;
 - ♦ enhanced security at the Courthouse;
 - ♦ provided personal protective equipment for

operations trained personnel in law enforcement and fire;

- ♦ purchased GIS for use in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and
- ♦ AFIS fingerprint equipment and an identification and accountability system for use by the county, towns and the fire departments.

- Developed and continues to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Currently working to complete a pandemic flu response plan and a strategic communications plan.
- Hosted the Terrorism Risk Assessment course with hopes to host an advanced course this fall.



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IDHS Adds Exercise Staff

In recognition of the need to prepare for all scenarios and given the size, number and complexity of exercises conducted, IDHS' Division of Training is proud to it will add four new Exercise Training Managers to its Exercise Training Section. These individuals will design, conduct and execute 20 or more exercises ranging in various degrees of complexity. Additionally, the new Exercise Training Managers will provide technical assistance for the design, development and conduct of exercises to jurisdictions or agencies within Indiana. The addition of this new staff will assist IDHS in a developing a world class

exercise program as outlined in the Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security.

For more information on the Exercise Training Section, contact Ken Woodall, IDHS Division of Training Exercise Section Chief at 317-232-4680 or kwoodall@dhs.in.gov.

IDHS MCC Scheduled to Go on Tour



On August 1, IDHS will begin touring Indiana's ten homeland security districts (HSD) to display its new Mobile Command Center (MCC). The center will serve as a mobile emergency operations center for the State of Indiana when responding to events throughout the state. In addition to local officials and responders, the public is welcome to tour the MCC to learn how IDHS will utilize it to coordinate among state

agencies, manages command control in the field, and integrate into the local command system.

Schedule for MCC Statewide Tour (all times are local):

August 1: HSD #7 10am-1pm
Maryland Community Church, Terre Haute
August 2: HSD #10 10am-1pm
Roberts Stadium, Evansville
August 3: HSD #8 10am-1pm
Dunn Medical Plaza, Bedford
August 7: HSD #6 12pm-2pm
Henry County Courthouse, New Castle
August 8: HSD #10 10am-1pm
Dearborn County EOC, Lawrenceburg
August 14-16: Indiana State Fair

IDHS will provide additional information, including dates and locations for the remaining HSDs, in the near future via e-mail and the media.



July Spotlight...

LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Like fire departments across the country, year after year the Lafayette Fire Department (LFD) utilized Fire Prevention Week to educate community youth about the importance of fire safety. During the week, members of LFD visited local schools sharing vital information such as not playing with matches, creating a family escape plan, and dialing 9-1-1 with kindergarten through second grade students.

Convinced there was a better way to educate the students and not content with just doing so once a year, members of LFD started to explore other means to share fire safety messages. Initially, the firefighters used puppets and, eventually, turned to music and formed the Fire House Band in 1997.

In 2001, the Fire House Band release their first music CD entitled *Stop, Drop and Roll*. The overwhelming positive response they received kept things right on rolling. Over the years, the LFD's small band performance with a few props grew into quite a production and eventually became the Safe and Sound Squad in 2005.

Now, during Fire Prevention Week, the Safe and Sound Squad plays for nearly 6,000



Above: The Safe and Sound Squad educate children on dialing 9-1-1 in *Sing Along for Fire Safety*, their 2006 DVD.

Kindergarten through second grade students and members of the public. In addition to singing original songs, the entirely firefighter produced shows include skits to reinforce fire safety messages with characters such as Captain Corn, Louie the Lighter, Mike and Minnie Matches, and Sparky. Their approach appears to work.

Members of the LFD often receive testimonials from parents and teachers that local children learned important fire safety messages thanks to the Safe and Sound Squad. Sometimes, though, their testimonials come directly from the children. A young girl who took part in a 9-1-1

demonstration during one of the Squad's shows shared she knew how to get her family safely out their burning home thanks to what she learned during the performance.

The Safe and Sound Squad's catchy tunes also help reinforce messages. According to Ron Ritchey, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention for LFD and the Squad's bass player, "We see more and more kids singing along during our performances because they remember the songs from last year."

Although the LFD received numerous anecdotal accounts of their safety messages getting through to children, they approached Purdue University

to help them measure their success. Tests administered to a sample of Kindergarten to second grade students prior to and after performances by the Safe and Sound Squad indicated a 300-percent increase in knowledge on fire safety by the students.

The Safe and Sound Squad followed in the Fire House Band's footsteps last year and released another music CD titled *There's Safety in Numbers*. This year, thanks to assistance from grant funds, the squad released their first DVD titled *Sing Along for Fire Safety*. The LFD continues to receive requests from across the country for copies.

The Safe and Sound Squad has educated over 60,000 children, to date, and shows no signs of stopping. "We are looking for additional grant funds to reach an even larger audience - maybe throughout the state. You never know where this project might end up."

To learn more about the Safe and Sound Squad, contact Ron Ritchey, LFD's Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention at rritchey@lafayette.in.gov or visit www.safeandsoundsquad.com.

From the Desk of Director Dietz

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Is an important first step towards bringing about an appropriate response to an emergency event, it will only be effective if counties use it and report information consistently. Therefore, soon after IDHS advises fellow state agencies of the requirements

listed in the CIRR we will discuss with our partners at the local level to work to implement it as well.

Working together with open lines of communication to sharing vital information post event can potentially make a

and their communities. Additionally, it can ensure issues are addressed at the state and local level and that our federal partners are notified and involved when appropriate.

Report emergency events of significance to IDHS' State EOC by calling 800-669-7362 or dispatch@dhs.in.gov.

IDHS' Certification Section: *Confirming Capabilities*

When an emergency occurs, Hoosiers do not hesitate to call upon their local first responders. Communities across Indiana expect these individuals to possess the training and expertise necessary to meet the demands of their job and assist the communities they serve. Thanks to the work of the IDHS Division of Training's Certification Section, Hoosiers can continue to make this assumption.

recertifying firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. The certifications granted by this section offer assurance to fire departments and emergency medical service providers the individuals they hire are trained in their field and capable of doing their job.

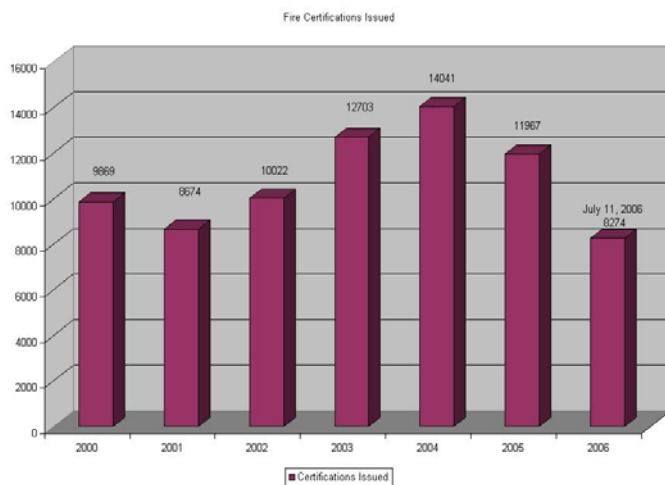
In addition to their enormous responsibility of certifying the capabilities of members of the

licensing regulated explosives use, also referred to as blasters.

In conjunction with the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Emergency Medical Services Commission, the IDHS Certification Section also enforces rules for certifications, revokes certifications and approves rule waivers.



Above: Tony Pagano serves as the chief of IDHS Division of Training's Certification Section.



The IDHS Certification Section is responsible for approving training course materials, testing, certifying and fire and emergency medical services within Indiana, the IDHS Certification Section also maintains responsibility for

The IDHS Certification Section certifies thousands of Indiana's firefighters and EMS personnel annually and administers many of the written and practical tests for certification. Additionally, with opportunities for advancement within the fire and EMS professions tied to advanced certifications (there are 74 different certifications within the fire service alone) and an increased interest in the professions, the sections' workload is ever increasing.

In light of the workload and with a staff of only nine, the IDHS Certification Section recently took steps to streamline processes. The section

validated exams, made many certification forms available on-line, stopped use of underutilized sites for testing, provided instructions that are more precise to instructors and initiated computer-based testing for some EMS certifications. The section continues to explore opportunities to enhance its efficiency.

For more information visit www.in.gov/dhs/training/certification/ or contact Tony Pagano, IDHS Division of Training Certification Section Chief, at 317-233-3985 or tpagano@dhs.in.gov.



July Spotlight....

WHITE COUNTY EMA



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Gordon "Gordy" Cochran is the Director of White County Emergency Management Agency. Appointed in 1999, Gordy spent his first four days on the job responding to a major winter storm that struck White County. Prior to joining the White County EMA, he served with the Monticello Fire Department for 18 years and reached the rank of Captain. Gordy was an active member of the Indiana Emergency Management Alliance and served on its board of

directors for five years and co-chaired the annual conference committee.

White County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
 - ♦ Obtain 800 MHz radios for first responders throughout the county.
 - ♦ Purchase and equip a mobile command center.
- Supported by 17 volunteers.

- Supports storm spotter training and traffic control to assist local law enforcement and community events.

CSEPP Conducts Annual Workshop in Indianapolis

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- Medical
- Financial Management
- Closeout Plans
- Hazard Assessment

The workshop closed with a "Town Hall Meeting" on interoperability, which was moderated by Frank Sesno of George Mason University and CNN. The panel discussed various issues such as how to apply interoperability to a Joint Information System and how to share public and media information over a wide audience.

By the end of the workshop, there was agreement that through great accomplishments, CSEPP has become the "pace setter" in emergency preparedness, but with the additional acknowledgement that the program is only as good as what it does for the public today and in the future.

IDHS Releases Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Curriculum

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registration process. The lead instructor must complete a class roster and course number request to receive the student manuals at no charge.

NOTE: The newly created Mandatory Test was correlated to this curriculum and will replace the current versions effective September 1, 2006.

For more information contact Joe Wainscott, IDHS Division of Training Director at 317-232-2985 or jwainscott@dhs.in.gov OR John Buckman, IDHS Division of Training Special Projects Manager at 317-233-0498 or jbuckman@dhs.in.gov.

A word of thanks...

The creation of the new Mandatory/Basic Firefighter Training Curriculum was a team effort and IDHS is grateful to the dozens of Indiana fire instructors who offered invaluable contributions along the way. IDHS Division of Training Director Wainscott wishes to especially acknowledge the efforts of IDHS staff members, John Buckman, who served as the project team leader; Jay Penndorf, who led the curriculum formatting efforts and creation of numerous animated slides; and Jim Schneider, who contributed logistical and research support. A special thanks also goes to Captain Susan Wargel with the German Township Fire Department for her outstanding administrative support.

NIMS Corner...

[Click here to visit the U.S. DHS NIMS website!](#)

[Click here to visit the IDHS NIMS website!](#)

NEW TRAINING COURSES!

IS-703 National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Management Training

This interactive computer-based course provides the principles, tools, processes, and systems used in the NIMS that incident managers need for timely and effective resource management during an incident.

The course shows that resources, including personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies, are managed through the NIMS system by advance planning, resource identification and ordering, categorizing resources, use of agreements, acquisition management, management information systems, and protocols for ordering, mobilization and dispatching.

This course is designed for local and State emergency management personnel and takes approximately three hours to complete. Federal

agency emergency management personnel, as well as, private-sector and nongovernmental organization personnel are encouraged to complete the training also.

The course can be accessed through the FEMA Independent Study Program at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is703.asp>.

G402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials Training

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) recently released, G402 Incident Command System (ICS) "Overview for Executives/Senior Officials Training". This training has generated a significant amount of interest. This 2-hour course has become one of the most requested (non-required) courses developed in some time. EMI typically limits distribution of G courses to the FEMA Regional Training Managers and State Emergency Management Training Officers (STOs). The demand

for this 2-hour course is such that EMI decided to place it on the EMI website as a downloadable file. This ensures the widest distribution without placing an undue burden on the STOs.

The training provider is responsible for any certificates given for this course. EMI does not offer certificates for this course. This course is not a required course. It does NOT replace any of the existing FY 2006 NIMS requirements (such as the 700, 800, 100 or 200 level courses). Executives/Senior Officials must still complete the IS-700, ICS-100 and ICS-200 as a minimum.

For more information on NIMS, contact David Barrabee, Homeland Security Planner, IDHS Division of Planning, at 317-233-6116 or dbarrabee@dhs.in.gov.

REMINDER TO ALL LOCAL AGENCIES: INDIANA MUST SUBMIT THE NIMCAST (NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL) TO FEMA ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS DEADLINE, IDHS REQUESTS ALL LOCAL AGENCIES TO PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL IN A TIMELY MANNER. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!



Announcements

- **Beginning with the September issue of *The Hoosier Responder*, IDHS will send its newsletter to only registered e-mail addresses.** To register to receive *The Hoosier Responder* via e-mail **CLICK HERE**. Over the next few months, we will continue to send out the newsletter via current IDHS e-mail distribution lists. As a result, you may receive duplicate copies after registering your e-mail address at the above website. We respectfully request your patience as we build our distribution list.
- **Ivy Tech launches its Community Emergency Preparedness and Management program this fall.** The program will prepare students to manage the reduction of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from natural and human-made disasters. Students in the program will learn basic theory, application, and procedures in public safety, including education in homeland security, principles of emergency management and planning strategies, disaster and terrorism awareness and investigation, mitigation and critical infrastructure management, and disaster response and recovery operations. Courses will include topics such as federal and state terrorism laws, emergency exercise program design, planning and evaluation, resource management, hazardous weather and warning coordination, weapons of mass destruction, contingency planning and incident command. For more information, call 317-921-4800 visit www.ivytech.edu/indianapolis/academics/public/community-emergency/index.html.
- **The 2006 Emergency Response Conference will take place September 14-17 at the Marriot East in Indianapolis.** Program registration and information is available at www.in.gov/dhs/fire/branches/ems/conf/06erc.html.
- **US DHS recently announced the release of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Toolkit,** a project management tool and comprehensive tutorial for the design, development, conduct, and evaluation of exercises. This web-based application provides exercise planners the appropriate templates and guidance for developing master task lists, time lines, planning teams, and exercise documentation. The tool is available on the HSEEP homepage: www.hseep.dhs.gov. Anyone with ESPortal permissions has been granted access to the HSEEP Toolkit. The HSEEP homepage provides for a single sign-on to the HSEEP Toolkit, the new HSEEP Volume IV Library, the soon to be released National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) and scheduling tool, as well as other HSEEP systems and tools currently in development. For more information, contact Ken Woodall, IDHS Division of Training Exercise Training Section Chief at 317-232-4680 or kwoodall@dhs.in.gov.
- **Information on the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and the EMAC Environmental Health Assistance Project** is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emergency Preparedness and Response Web site provides . Visit www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/emac.

Mark Your Calendar!



July 26

EMA Directors Conference Call

August 7

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education
(Indianapolis)

August 21-23

Indiana Fire Investigators Conference
(Indianapolis)

August 30

EMA Directors Conference Call

September 14-17

Emergency Response Conference
(Indianapolis)

September 18

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education
(IDHS Search and Rescue Training Center, Camp Atterbury)

September 27

EMA Directors Conference Call

September 30

IDHS' Mari Hulman George Search & Rescue Training Center Open House
(Camp Atterbury)

Please welcome to IDHS...

Rick Archer, Exercise Training Manager
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Gerri Husband, Exercise Training Manager
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Tom Sherron, Exercise Training Manager
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Sherri Hall, Exercise Training Manager
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Joanna Cornwell, Program Coordinator
IDHS Division of Planning

Sy Walden-James, Grant Coordinator
IDHS Division of Planning

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IDHS Division of Fire & Building Safety

Ashlee Dulworth, Intern
IDHS Division of Emergency Response



Check out IDHS Division of Training's calendar for all training opportunities at: www.in.gov/dhs/training



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